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FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN AT BRIEFING JULY 15 (NO QUESTIONS ASKED AT
BRIEFING):

Q: WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THE REPORT THAT PRIME MINISTER
BURHAM OF GUYANA SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD
NATIONALIZE THE REYNOLDS METAL MINES?

A: THE REPORTED REMARKS ARE APPARENTLY RELATED TO THE
GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.
WE UNDERSTAND THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA AND THE COMPANY HAVE
BEEN MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE STATUS OF THIS INVESTMENT
IN GUYANA.

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Q: THE PRIME MINISTER IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT

THE U.S. HAS TRIED TO BLOCK WORLD BANK LOANS FOR GUYANA'S
SEA DEFENSES. IS THIS TRUE?

A: THE U.S. VOTED IN FAVOR OF WORLD BANK LOANS FOR
GUYANA'S SEA DEFENSE ON THE TWO OCCASIONS IN WHICH SUCH
LOANS WERE PROPOSED, IN 1969 AND 1971. KISSINGER

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